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SUBJ: UNDP-U. S. PROPOSAL FOR PURCHASE OF CURRENCIES

REF: (A) STATE 169133, (B) MOSCOW 11617, (C) STATE 179843

1. EMBOFF GOT LUKEWARM RESPONSE TO U.S. PROPOSALS FROM
SEKULIC, FSFA, ON JULY 23. HE WAS WELL-BRIEFED ON BOTH U.S.

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PLAN AND USSR OPPOSITION AND TOOK THE LINE THAT USSR TOO

STRONGLY OPPOSED EVER TO BUDGE. IN THESE CIRCUMSTANCES
GOY IS NOT INTERESTED IN ANY BILATERAL ARRANGEMENT.

2. WHEN ASKED WHY USSR SO ADAMANT, HE GAVE NEARLY SAME
REASONS AS MOSCOW REPORTS IN REF B, PARA 8A; I.E., SOVIETS
HAVE LONG HISTORY OF ACCUSING UNDP OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST
SOVIET GOODS AND TRAINING, ALLEGEDLY EXERCISED THROUGH
UNDP EXPERTS' INFLUENCE OVER UNSOPHISTICATED LDC PURCHASERS.
RESULTING RUBLE MOUNTAIN IS EMBARRASSING ENOUGH BUT CONVERSION
INTO DOLLARS WOULD ADVERTISE ITS SIZE AND UNDERLINE LDC
PREFERENCE FOR WESTERN EQUIPMENT AND TECHNOLOGY.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS NOT AN IMPORTANT ISSUE TO GOY SINCE,
UNLIKE THE USSR, NEITHER PRIDE NOR Pelf IS INVOLVED TO
ANY GREAT EXTENT. SILBERMAN

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